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MEMORANDUM

TO: EUR/NE - Richard Thompson
FROM: EUR/NOR - []
SUBJECT: Case of Swedish National Raoul Wallenberg

Information contained in our files indicates that in 1944 an American named Cecil Augustus Stoner was a card carrying member of the American Communist Party. In 1951 he was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment for grand larceny. He was paroled in April 1952 but the parole was revoked in December of that year. In June 1953 he was reported to be on Diomed Island in Alaska and was last seen on 13 June 1953 rounding Big Diomed Island, USSR. Subsequently, information was received that Mr. Stoner died in 1965 in Taurage, Lithuania.

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Cecil Augustus S T O N E R (correct name), []
DOB: 8 August 1905, Highlandville, Mo., USA, was a card-carrying member of the American Communist Party. His membership card was issued in 1944. He himself denied having anything to do with the Communist Party.

He was a welder, fireman, longshoreman, and laborer and lived in the State of Washington during the 40's and 50's.

In 1951 he was sentenced to maximum term of 15 years for grand larceny. He was paroled on 7 April 1952, but the parole was revoked and a warrant issued for his arrest on 22 December 1952.

In June 1953 he joined a group of Eskimos bound for Diomed Island in the Bering Strait from Nome, Alaska. He departed Little Diomed Island alone in a rubber raft on 13 June 1953 and was last seen rounding the north point of Big Diomed Island, USSR.

On 19 June 1962 William J. Jurgelas, South Windsor, Conn., advised he had received correspondence from Juozas Stragauskas of Taurage, Lithuania. This correspondence indicated that one Cecil STONER, claiming he was born at Osark, Missouri, on 8 August 1912, had been a member of an American fishing vessel off the coast of Alaska in 1953 and in some unexplained manner eventually arrived in Lithuania. STONER now wished to return to the United States, but was unable to obtain permission without evidence of U.S. citizenship.

On 17 May 1966 William J. Jurgelas advised he has recently received a letter from Stragauskas informing him that Cecil STONER died in 1965 in Taurage, Lithuania.